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Rev. Amos A. Phelps,
Pastor, Congregat.l Soc.y,

(East Boston,) Boston

to, to preach here, as soon as we need a supply,
or to send good men here.

You need not fear that if we can have the right man with us, but that in one year the Society would be in a better, and more vigorous state, than it has been in, since Mr. Brigham has been our pastor.

To shew you something of my feelings, and guesses on this point, all which I expect to defer to your judgment, I will name as occurring to my mind,

Rev. Edwards A. Park, Andover
Rev. E. Beecher, D.D. Boston
Rev. H. Winslow, Boston.
Rev. Mr. Kirk, Boston.

If Mr. Kirk should preach here, a Sabbath, he would excite, probably more interest, than any man I can think of.

If Mr. Winslow should become disengaged and willing to preach for us, two, or three Sabbaths, it would have an important influence.

Rev. J. D. P. Stone is at Holliston. We should have a man here, rather stronger than any other minister in this association.

I called, & left my card at your house, the day after you got home from England.

Yours, ever,

Lawson Kingsbury.

and decided by both the Church & Parish next week, on Wednesday.

Mr. Brigham has always shewn a determination to stay here as long as he can get his salary, or a part of it. They were seven years trying to get rid of him & his at his last Parish, East Randolph.

You doubtless remember, that, a long time since, I depended upon you to advise me, when the crisis should come.

If you can communicate any way that will be a help to me, I beg you will do it, as soon as may be.

I shall treat your letter confidentially and make no use of your name.

I want two or three names of ministers to be selected for the council.

Mr. Brigham will doubtless take Dr. Pole of Medway, and Rev Sewall Harding of East-Medway, &c. &c.

I am not acquainted with a single minister in this association.

Mr. Brigham has been busy in moulding this association to his notions, and particularly for his present emergency, ever since he was settled here, now more than seven years since.

I wish, my dear Sir, you would counsel me what ministers I shall apply

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Framingham, March 27th 1844.

Rev. Mr. Phelps,

My dear Sir:

The time is come. At our Parish meeting on Monday, on the article in the warrant to see what action the Society would take touching the relations with Mr. David Brigham, jr. it was voted by a strong, decided, majority, that in their view the pastoral connexion must be dissolved. But seven voted for Mr. Brigham.

A committee was raised to communicate a copy of this vote, hoping that he will ask a dismission, and the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, 3d of April.

He will not ask a dismission, not because he does not feel that he shall be obliged to go, but because it his view of duty & interest to contend, and hold on here as long as he can. I apprehend that a council must be called, and that it will be voted